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Transportation Committee  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
April 4, 2013  
*Minutes*

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Transportation Committee (TC) held its meeting at SCAG's office in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hon. Keith Millhouse, Ventura County. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Hon. Mike Antonovich	Los Angeles County
Hon. Bruce Barrows, Cerritos	District 23
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Bob Botts	Banning
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre	Eastvale
Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Roy Francis	District 31
Hon. Frank Gurulé, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Bill Hodge, Calexico	ICTC
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon. Randon Lane	Murrieta
Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon. Ryan McEachron, Victorville	SANBAG
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark ( <i>Chair</i> )	VCTC
Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress	District 18
Hon. Jim Morton	Lynwood
Hon. Brett Murdock, Brea	District 22
Hon. Kris Murray	Anaheim
Hon. Steven Neal, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Gary Ovitt	San Bernardino County
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Frank Quintero, Glendale	District 42
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. David Spence, La Cañada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo Cities

Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona	WRCOG
Hon. Tim Spohn, City of Industry	SGVCOG
Hon. Jeff Stone	Riverside County
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	SFVCOG
Hon. Don Voss, City of La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Mr. Aziz Elattar	Caltrans District 7

### **Members Not Present:**

Hon. Art Brown	Buena Park
Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey	GCCOG
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. James C. Ledford	Palmdale
Hon. Brian McDonald	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
Hon. Shawn Nelson	Orange County
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Micheál O'Leary, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Linda Parks	Ventura County
Hon. Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	SANBAG

### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Rye Baerg, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, thanked SCAG for the opportunity to be a member of the Active Transportation Subcommittee and expressed appreciation to staff for collaboration with stakeholders throughout the process.

Denny Zane, Move LA, stated support for proposed legislation AB 1002 which seeks to create a unique revenue stream for projects such as SB 375 planning grants and active transportation. Mr. Zane stated that a revenue stream is needed for SB 375-related projects and encouraged awareness of AB 1002.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no request to prioritize agenda items.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Approval Item**

1. Minutes of the March 7, 2013 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Barrows) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was seconded (Morton) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

**ACTION ITEMS**

2. Draft Amendment No. 1 to the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Draft Amendment No. 13-04 to the 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Margaret Lin, SCAG Staff, stated that several requests were received from county transportation commissions to amend critical projects. Ms. Lin noted that the amendments include revisions to 36 projects and the addition of 7 new projects. The revisions include minor modifications to the project costs, completion years, and scopes, and that the new projects include transit, highway, and arterial projects. Ms. Lin noted that the draft Amendments will undergo a 30-day public review period and that a proposed final amendment will be returned to the Committee at its June 6, 2013 meeting.

Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta, stated that some revised project scopes do not appear to be associated with a corresponding budget change and asked for clarification. Ryan Kuo, SCAG Staff, responded that in order for a project to be programmed by the CTCs, it is necessary to enter a preliminary cost estimate. A preliminary estimated cost that is assigned early is often likely to change as detailed engineering is performed through a project's implementation process. In many cases, a cost estimate change in an Amendment may not be a result of a scope change that is occurring in the same Amendment, but may be due in greater part to the general cost refinement process.

A MOTION was made (Barrows) to release the amendment for a 30-day public review. The MOTION was seconded (Morton) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

3. Goods Movement Subcommittee Recommendations

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, reviewed key topics discussed by the Goods Movement Subcommittee and presented an overview of the Subcommittee recommendations. Hon. Messina stated that the recommendations include: facilitating implementation of MAP-21 freight provisions including participation in the national freight network designation and the development of national and state freight plans; facilitating implementation of freight initiatives identified in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, including monitoring emerging supply chain trends and adapting key infrastructure strategies as needed; and continuing to promote and seek on-going partnerships with regional partners to further deployment of near-zero and zero emission goods movement strategies.

Hon. Bruce Barrows, Cerritos, stated that the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) has requested that each subcommittee recommendation be modified to utilize the following wording: *“Review and recommend Regional Council approval of the subcommittee recommendation as preliminary, recognizing these are starting points subject to further input through an open process during the development of the RTP/SCS*

*over the next three years which will culminate in adoption of the final plan in spring 2016.”* Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach, stated that the South Bay Cities COG believes that it was not represented on the subcommittees and also supports the revised wording.

Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona, stated that the subcommittee recommendations are preliminary and will likely evolve over the next 3 years and it is imprudent to have those who did not participate in the subcommittee process to step forward and curtail the efforts of members who were engaged in the subcommittees’ work.

Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods, stated that the recommendations are already intended as placeholders to invite further exploration. Hon. Hack noted that there was transparency and openness throughout the process and that all interested parties were welcome to participate.

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, asked if the additional wording was necessary and whether it changes anything since the process was open and recommendations are preliminary. Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, indicated that the amended wording would not substantially change the recommendations.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made (Diels) to approve the staff recommendation with the amended wording. The SUBSTITUTE MOTION was seconded (Medina). The substitute motion passed with 29 votes and 7 in opposition (Betts, DeGrandpre, Hyatt, Hack, Spohn, Spiegel, Martinez).

#### 4. High-Speed Rail and Transit Subcommittee Recommendations

Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona, provided an update on the High-Speed Rail and Transit Subcommittee recommendations. Hon. Spiegel stated that the subcommittee did not take a position in favor or against high-speed rail. She stated that the recommendations include the development of a regional rail vision for the 2016 RTP/SCS and the identification and evaluation of transit best practices, including supporting ongoing efforts to facilitate seamless travel on the region’s rail and transit system. Hon. Spiegel identified a modification to the recommendations in the staff report; specifically, the second bullet on page 73 of the agenda was revised to include improving ground access to the regional airport system.

A MOTION was made (Betts) to recommend Regional Council approval of the subcommittee’s recommendations as submitted. The MOTION was seconded (McEachron).

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made (Barrows) to approve the staff recommendation subject to the inclusion of the following wording, *“Review and recommend Regional Council approval of the subcommittee recommendation as preliminary, recognizing these are starting points subject to further input through an open process during the development of the RTP/SCS over the next three years which will culminate in adoption of the final plan in spring 2016.”* The SUBSTITUTE MOTION was seconded (Mills).

Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank, stated that the recommendations are by their nature a work in progress and that additional wording proposed in the substitute motions is not beneficial.

The substitute motion passed with 18 votes and 9 in opposition (Betts, Botts, DeGrandpre, Hack, Hodge, McLean, Messina, Murray, Spiegel).

5. Active Transportation Subcommittee Recommendations

Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana, provided an update on the Active Transportation Subcommittee recommendations. Hon. Martinez stated that the subcommittee recommends a definition of “Active Transportation” and proposed that active transportation refer to human-powered transportation, and low electronic assist devices for the elderly and disabled. She also recommended to consider and refine the availability of data and information to evaluate the RTP/SCS and its alternatives relative to active transportation policy. Also, to develop with partner agencies a methodology for selecting and prioritizing regionally supported active transportation projects and to seek opportunities to promote and support transportation investments with an active transportation component.

Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park, asked that a comma be inserted between “human-powered transportation” and “and low-speed electronic assist devices for elderly and disabled” for clarification purposes.

Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta, stated that the recommendations specifically state they are not final and will be taken to Policy Committees and the Regional Council for deliberation and potentially for final approval. Hon. Lane stated that the wording being forwarded through the substitute motions is already present within the Subcommittee’s recommendation and raised the issue of the redundant nature of the proposed substitute motions.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made (Diels) to approve the staff recommendation subject to the inclusion of the following wording, *“Review and recommend Regional Council approval of the subcommittee recommendation as preliminary, recognizing these are starting points subject to further input through an open process during the development of the RTP/SCS over the next three years which will culminate in adoption of the final plan in spring 2016.”* The SUBSTITUTE MOTION was seconded (Barrows).

The substitute motion did not pass with 12 votes and 19 in opposition (Antonovich, Botts, DeGrandpre, Eaton, Hack, Harper, Hodge, Hyatt, Lane, Martinez, Millhouse, Messina, Murdock, Murray, Ovitt, Pettis, Roberts, Spohn, Stone).

A MOTION was made (Murray) to recommend Regional Council approval of the subcommittee’s recommendations as submitted. The MOTION was seconded (Hyatt) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

6. Transportation Finance Subcommittee Recommendations

Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, provided an update on the Transportation Finance Subcommittee Recommendations. Hon. Ovitt stated that the Subcommittee recommended to: 1) continue to investigate cost-efficiency measures for transportation investments; 2) continue to monitor and analyze emerging transportation funding options for multimodal investments; 3) promote and seek on-going partnerships with regional

partners, business leaders, and stakeholders to further the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS financial plan strategies; and 4) continue to investigate and recommend strategies to mitigate cost to taxpayers over the course of subsequent RTP cycles.

A MOTION was made (Martinez) to recommend Regional Council approval of the subcommittee's recommendations as submitted. The MOTION was seconded (Murdock) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, indicated that both Hon. Keith Millhouse and Hon. Alan Wapner are eligible to serve as Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for a second consecutive year, respectively, and that both have expressed a willingness to continue their service.

The floor was opened for the Committee's nomination for Chair. A MOTION was made (Barrows) to elect Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, as Committee Chair. The MOTION was seconded (Spiegel). The election of Hon. Keith Millhouse as Chair, Transportation Committee was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

The floor was opened for the Committee's nomination for Vice-Chair. A MOTION was made (Spiegel) to elect Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, as Committee Vice-Chair. The MOTION was seconded (Lane). The election of Hon. Alan Wapner as Vice-Chair, Transportation Committee was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The committee was invited to attend SCAG's upcoming General Assembly, May 2 and 3, 2013 at the JW Marriott in Palm Desert and announced that Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom will be the keynote speaker.

### **STAFF REPORT**

No staff report was provided.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.



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Ryan Kuo, Senior Regional Planner  
Transportation Planning

**Transportation Committee Attendance Report**  
**2013**

		X = County Represented						X = Attended				= No Meeting		NM = New Member					
Member (including Ex-Officio)		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	GA May	June	No Mtg. July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Last Name, First Name	Representing																		
1	Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X				X		X	X	X							
2	Barrows, Bruce*	Cerritos		X				X		X	X	X							
3	Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X					X	X	X	x							
4	Betts, Russell	CVAG				X		X	X	X	X	X							
5	Botts, Bob	Banning, RCTC						NM	X	X	X	X							
6	Brown, Art	Buena park						NM	X	X		X							
7	Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X				X	X	X	X	X							
8	DeGrandpre, Jeff	Eastvale						NM	X	X	X	X							
9	Diels, Steve	Redondo Beach		X				X			X								
10	Eaton, Paul*	Montclair		X							X								
11	Elattar, Aziz	Caltrans - District 7								X	X								
12	Francis, Roy	La Habra Heights									NM	X							
13	Guerra, Mario	Downey		X						X									
14	Gurulé, Frank*	Cudahy		X					X	X	X	X							
15	Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X			X	X	X	X								
16	Harper, Matthew*	Huntington Beach			X			X		X	X								
17	Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X				X	X	X		X							
18	Hodge, Bill	Clexico, ICTC	X						X	X	X								
19	Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X															
20	Hyatt, Jim	Calimesa				X		X	X	X	X	X							
21	Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo			X			X	X			X							
22	Lane, Randon	Murrieta						NM	X	X	X								
23	Ledford, James C.	Palmdale/No. LA County		X						X									
24	Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X			X	X	X	X	X							
25	McDonald, Brian	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe					X												
26	McEachron, Ryan	Victorville					X	X	X	X	X	X							
27	McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X				X	X	X	X	X							
28	Medina, Dan*	Gardena		X							X								
29	Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X				X	X	X	X	X							
30	Millhouse, Keith* (Chair)	Moorpark					X	X	X	X	X								
31	Mills, Leroy*	Cypress			X			X	X	X	X								
32	Morton, Jim	Lynwood							X	X	X	X							

33	Murdock, Brett	Brea			X				X	X	X	X	X						
34	Murray, Kris	Anaheim							NM			X							
35	Neal, Steven*	Long Beach		X					X		X	X	X						
36	Nelson, Shawn*	Orange County			X														
37	O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X					X	X	X		X						
38	O'Leary, Micheál	Culver City/WCCOG		X					X	X	X								
39	Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X		X	X		X	X						
40	Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X															
41	Parks, Linda	Ventura County							NM	X	X								
42	Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X			X	X	X	X	X						
43	Quintero, Frank*	Glendale		X						X	X	X							
44	Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park/SGVCOG							X		X	X	X						
45	Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X			X	X	X	X	X						
46	Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village		X					X										
47	Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				X													
48	Spence, David	La Cañada Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X					X	X	X	X							
49	Spiegel, Karen	Corona/WRCOG				X			X	X	X	X							
50	Spohn, Tim	Industry/SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	X	X						
51	Stone, Jeff*	Riverside				X			X	X		X	X						
52	Talamantes, Jess	Burbank/SFVCOG		X						X		X	X						
53	Voss, Don*	La Cañada Flintridge		X					X	X	X	X	X						
54	Wapner, Alan* (Vice-Chair)	Ontario					X		X	X	X		X						
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>											

\* Regional Council Member